

City of Richmond



LEVAR M. STONEY
MAYOR

May 14, 2020

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam
Governor of Virginia
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Governor Northam:

Thank you for providing Richmond with the data on percent positivity. As you can see in the attached graph, provided by your office, Richmond's percent positivity has increased over the past two weeks, rather than decreased. Combined with the total case count growth in the city of Richmond, this data suggests that the prudent course of action would be to delay the implementation of Phase One reopening.

I would like to formally request that the City of Richmond be granted this exemption from Phase One for at least two weeks, consistent with the request from Northern Virginia and Accomack, and that we work collaboratively to monitor the situation over these next two weeks to ensure we can keep our residents and businesses informed on the status of total cases and percent positivity in the City Richmond. This data-driven approach, rooted in epidemiological metrics for assessing public health in our community, will give our citizens greater confidence in knowing that when we enter Phase One reopening of the city, we can do so safely.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. M. Stoney", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Levar M. Stoney
Mayor